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Section 23
Regular programme of technical cooperation

Overview

23.1 Funding of technical assistance activities under the regular budget began with General Assembly resolution 58 (I) of 14 December 1946, by which the Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to include in the budget of the United Nations for the year 1947 the funds necessary for the accomplishment of such a programme in the field of social welfare. Over the years, the activities have been developed further in their sectoral and regional dimensions. The sectoral advisory services were established by the Assembly in its resolution 200 (III) of 4 December 1948 and the regional advisory services in resolution 2803 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971.

23.2 The regular programme of technical cooperation complements technical assistance available from other sources of funds. In many countries, it continues to play an important role in several areas of operational activities, such as technological development, social development, poverty alleviation and the improvement of human resources, infrastructure development, reinforcement of national capacity for research and development, environmental regeneration and sustainable development, capacity-building to increase competitiveness in the global economic environment, support for national reconstruction, the continuum of relief and development, public administration reform, disaster management, drug control, human rights and support for institutional reforms.

23.3 A significant portion of regular programme activities is oriented towards the needs of the least developed countries in accordance with the criteria established by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. In addition, the programme targets countries with economies in transition, where the key areas of support are technical cooperation and policy advice for systemic reforms, the promotion of economic and human development, the protection of the environment and growth of the energy sector.

23.4 Within the framework of existing guidelines, individual technical cooperation activities under the regular programme are determined by the nature of requests received from Governments, the recommendations of intergovernmental legislative and expert bodies and approved work programmes. In keeping with the guidelines, funding is directed towards activities with a demonstrated multiplier effect that are likely to have a significant impact on the development process, that are in accord with development needs and priorities of individual countries and that are consistent with the global development policies of United Nations legislative bodies.

23.5 Because the scope and composition of the activities under the regular programme of technical cooperation are based on the requests of Governments, the proposals at this stage indicate only major areas of activity and the Secretariat units responsible for their implementation. Although the programme is not subject to review and approval as a separate chapter of the medium-term plan, the areas of assistance supported by the resources of the present section are subject to such programming. Accordingly, for subject areas in which the use of regular programme of technical cooperation resources is foreseen, the strategies to be followed in carrying out the objectives of the medium-term plan are set out in the relevant chapter of the plan.

23.6 The present programme, which comprises development projects in the fields of human rights, environment, social development, human settlements, poverty alleviation, energy, economic development, international trade and development finance, population, public administration, finance and development, crime prevention and criminal justice, international drug control, statistics, transport and disaster mitigation and emergency humanitarian assistance, is composed of two components:

(a) Sectoral advisory services, executed, as appropriate, by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Centre for International Crime Prevention, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs;

(b) Regional and subregional advisory services executed by the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

23.7 There are three main types of technical cooperation activities financed under this section, namely, short-term advisory services, field projects and training.

Short-term advisory services

23.8 In response to requests from Governments for assistance, technical cooperation in the form of short-term advisory services is made available under the programme in cases where the specific problem can be dealt with on a short-term basis and it does not fall within the scope of an already funded project. The main purpose of these services is to provide advice as a basis for immediate government action or, in the case of broader needs, to lay the groundwork for meeting them through the identification and formulation of projects for submission to potential financing sources.

Field projects

23.9 The provision of technical cooperation through field projects may originate in response to either specific government requests or proposals formulated by the various offices concerned in the context of their approved substantive work programmes. Such projects will therefore be mainly interregional, designed to test and operationalize new approaches to development needs or to fill gaps where funds from other sources are insufficient to cover areas given high priority by legislative bodies. Different kinds of inputs will be combined in ways to best meet the particular needs involved and to maximize the multiplier function of the programme.

Training

23.10 Training activities are undertaken in recognition of the key role of human resources in the development process and the consequent need for adequately trained and qualified personnel at the national level. While training needs are often addressed through short-term advisory services and field projects, a portion of programme resources would be used in areas with a potential multiplier effect for the organization of seminars and workshops for national staff having policy-making, planning and management responsibilities.

23.11 The procedures applicable to the regular programme of technical cooperation were established by the General Assembly in its resolution 2514 (XXIV) of 21 November 1969, in which it endorsed the proposals contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1434 (XLVII). Under those procedures, annual reports on programme implementation are submitted, as appropriate, to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, while budget performance is reported to the General Assembly.

23.12 As regards each sector of the regular programme of technical cooperation, activities implemented by the responsible departments and offices would support the objectives set out under the related subprogrammes of the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/57/6/Rev.1).

However, since the nature of future requests for technical assistance was not yet known at the time of the preparation of the proposed programme budget, the standard accomplishments and indicators indicated below would be applied to each subprogramme and a special performance reporting format would be developed for this budget section in order to reflect implementation activities in the biennial programme performance reports.

Table 23.1 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective: To contribute to the development of developing countries and countries with economies in transition and their pursuit of common challenges through the provision of technical cooperation support in the fields of international and regional cooperation for development, human rights and humanitarian affairs.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Increased awareness and knowledge of internationally recognized standards and best practices in selected sectors in developing countries and countries with economies in transition	(a) Provision of timely and qualitative technical assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition *Performance measures*: (i) Number of advisory services (ii) Number of training events and participants trained (iii) Number of fellowships (iv) Number of field projects
(b) Strengthened capacity of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to formulate and implement policies for capacity-building and technical innovations having a significant impact on the development process in line with the decisions emanating from global conferences, the United Nations Millennium Declaration and/or from United Nations legislative bodies	(b) Impact of technical assistance: number of developing countries and economies in transition reporting improved minimum standards in the respective subject areas *Performance measures*: (i) Feedback on the relevance of advisory, needs assessment and project formulation missions (ii) Feedback on the usefulness and relevance of workshop topics and decisions on enhancing national capacity (iii) Feedback on increased knowledge by fellowship recipients (iv) Feedback on the relevance of field projects in enhancing national capacity

23.13 The resource requirements proposed under this section are summarized in table 23.2 below.

Table 23.2 **Summary of requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Component	*2000-2001 expenditures*	*2002-2003 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2004-2005 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
A. Sectoral advisory services	18 787.3	19 611.4	-	-	19 611.4	746.6	20 358.0
B. Regional and subregional advisory services	22 286.4	23 260.1	-	-	23 260.1	579.0	23 839.1
Total	**41 073.7**	**42 871.5**	-	-	**42 871.5**	**1 325.6**	**44 197.1**

23.14 The resource requirements proposed for the biennium 2004-2005 are at the same level as that approved for the biennium 2002-2003. It is anticipated that 2,232 work-months will be required for the provision of regional and interregional advisory services in the biennium 2004-2005, the same level as during the biennium 2002-2003.

A. Sectoral advisory services

Table 23.3 **Summary of requirements by programme**[a]

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Subprogramme[b]	*2000-2001 expenditure*	*2002-2003 appropriation*	*2004-2005 estimates by implementing office*							*2004-2005 estimates*
			DESA	*UNCTAD*	*UN-Habitat*	*CICP*	*UNDCP*	*OHCHR*	*OCHA*	
Gender issues and advancement of women	277.8	530.8	553.1							553.1
Social policy and development	3 066.5	2 934.3	3 093.7							3 093.7
Sustainable development	3 171.0	2 935.6	3 093.3							3 093.3
Statistics	1 807.2	1 992.1	2 020.5							2 020.5
Population	358.0	521.7	544.8							544.8
Public administration, finance and development	2 622.6	2 611.8	2 733.6							2 733.6
Globalization, interdependence and development	366.7	391.2		398.5						398.5
Investment, enterprise and technology	366.7	391.2		398.5						398.5
International trade	366.7	391.2		398.5						398.5

Subprogramme[b]	2000-2001 expenditure	2002-2003 appropriation	2004-2005 estimates by implementing office							2004-2005 estimates
			DESA	UNCTAD	UN-Habitat	CICP	UNDCP	OHCHR	OCHA	
Services infrastructure for development, trade efficiency and human resources development	366.7	391.3		398.5						398.5
Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	336.8	391.3		398.5						398.5
Regional and technical cooperation	922.3	974.5			1 025.0					1 025.0
Crime prevention and criminal justice	886.9	949.3				981.6				981.6
Supply reduction: elimination of illicit crops and suppression of illicit drug trafficking	345.0	374.6					387.3			387.3
Advisory services, technical cooperation, support to human rights fact-finding procedures and field activities	2 580.0	2 905.0						2 970.5		2 970.5
Complex emergencies	664.9	658.9							688.2	688.2
Disaster relief	251.5	266.6							273.9	273.9
Total	**18 787.3**	**19 611.4**	**12 039.0**	**1 992.5**	**1 025.0**	**981.6**	**387.3**	**2 970.5**	**962.1**	**20 358.0**

Abbreviations: DESA, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; UNCTAD, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; UN-Habitat, United Nations Human Settlements Programme; CICP, Centre for International Crime Prevention; UNDCP, United Nations International Drug Control Programme; OHCHR, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; OCHA, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

[a] This breakdown is subject to change in response to assistance requests received and is shown for indicative purposes only.

[b] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/57/6/Rev.1).

23.15 The requirements for sectoral advisory services amount to $20,358,000 and cover sectors relating to human rights, environment, social development, gender issues, human settlements, trade and development, population, public administration, finance and development, crime prevention and criminal justice, international drug control, statistics and emergency humanitarian assistance. It is anticipated that 792 work-months will be required for the provision of interregional advisory

services during the biennium 2004-2005, which is at the same level as during the biennium 2002-2003. Sectoral advisory services represent 46.1 per cent of the total resources under section 23.

1. Economic and social affairs: $12,039,000

23.16 The activities in this sector are implemented by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in support of the objectives set out in programme 7, Economic and social affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Outputs

23.17 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs are to be delivered:

(a) Subprogramme 1. Gender issues and advancement of women: $553,100:

(i) Advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to promote capacity-building and the strengthening of national mechanisms for enhancing the participation of women in development, for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes, focusing on their effective integration into overall development support mechanisms, for enhancing the understanding of women's rights and for promoting the implementation of the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol;

(ii) Group training: two training workshops on reporting obligations organized at the request of Governments for States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol; two judicial colloquiums for the training of national women's legal human rights personnel; a seminar to follow up recommendations arising from the high-level review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action;

(b) Subprogramme 2. Social policy and development: $3,093,700:

(i) Advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to assist in the establishment and strengthening of national capacities for promoting the implementation of the commitments and policies contained in United Nations plans and programmes of action regarding social integration, disability, ageing and employment, in particular strengthening of policy-making and implementation capacity aimed at poverty alleviation and the provision of social services; issues of conflict prevention and resolution will also be given attention;

(ii) Group training: four interregional and regional workshops on social integration and social development, with particular attention to social integration and conflict prevention and resolution;

(c) Subprogramme 3. Sustainable development: $3,093,300:

(i) Advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to developing countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition for capacity-building and/or capacity-strengthening in such areas as the formulation of national strategies for sustainable development, indicators for monitoring progress in the implementation of sustainable development strategies, reporting and indicators, facilitating partnerships for sustainable development, the strengthening of institutions and provision of support to consultative processes that promote sustainable development and the sustainable management of freshwater and energy for sustainable development,

with a focus on energy efficiency, new and renewable energy resources, advanced fossil fuel technologies, infrastructure development, minerals and so on;

(ii) Group training: ten training seminars or workshops for and with national policy makers in developing countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition with a view to strengthening national capabilities in all areas of sustainable development, including national cleaner technology strategies, environmental management accounting, integrated water resources management, energy for sustainable development and the social impacts of mining;

(d) Subprogramme 4. Statistics: $2,020,500:

(i) Advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to provide expert assistance in economic statistics and statistical data-processing and to assist in the enhancement of national statistical capability to provide reliable and timely information for national development plans and international progress reporting in the context of the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and other major goals of United Nations conferences;

(ii) Group training: workshops on environmental statistics and indicators (2); national accounts; population and housing censuses; disability statistics; civil registration and vital statistics; and international merchandise trade statistics;

(iii) Fellowships: 70 fellowships to be provided to statisticians from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in order to upgrade their professional capabilities in the area of statistics and cartography and to develop regional and international networks;

(e) Subprogramme 5. Population: $544,800:

(i) Advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to strengthen national institutional capability to analyse population levels and trends and their interrelationship with socio-economic development, as well as to formulate national policies and programmes to implement the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences, in particular the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Millennium Declaration (General Assembly resolution 55/2); support will be provided for strengthening national capacity to use new information and communication technologies for population research and training so as to promote national and international cooperation to improve the quality and impact of the analytical work in the area of population and development;

(ii) Group training: two training workshops on population data analysis and research;

(f) Subprogramme 6. Public administration, finance and development: $2,733,600:

(i) Advisory services:

a. Missions, at the request of Governments: to assist in strengthening national capacity in the field of public administration, particularly administrative and civil service reform; improving performance in the public sector as well as civil service professionalism and ethics; developing management innovations, e-government strategies and applications and strategies for public service training; strengthening public institutions and governance systems; facilitating the development of public service delivery systems; and improving the mobilization of financial resources, as well as their management and accountability;

b. Missions, at the request of Governments: to assist in establishing and strengthening national capacity for the elaboration and implementation of development policies and the management of the development process, including providing support for integrated development planning and policies; designing and implementing cross-sectoral development strategies; elaborating and managing policies, programmes and processes for social governance, the building of social capital, building capacity in social policy analysis, and the integration of social concerns into the planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation processes of governments; and to provide advocacy and policy advice regarding improved private-public sector linkage in the areas of corporate social responsibility and so on;

(ii) Group training:

a. 10 workshops on public sector management reforms, civil service training and systems, strengthening of governance institutions and civic participation, public administration and information systems, government accounting and reporting and promoting ethics in government;

b. 8 interregional and regional workshops on economic and social governance and management, poverty alleviation strategies and the enabling role of government for economic development.

2. Trade and development: $1,992,500

23.18 The activities in this sector are implemented by UNCTAD and are in support of the objectives of programme 9, Trade and development, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Outputs

23.19 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs are to be delivered:

(a) Subprogramme 1. Globalization, interdependence and development: $398,500:

(i) Advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to build capacity and to provide related policy advice with regard to financial issues, including the monitoring and surveillance of capital flows, debt and appropriate exchange rates, monetary policies and capital market development; to advise on the management of public, external and domestic debt and on the design and implementation of development strategies in Africa, including in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, with special reference to contributions for poverty reduction; to promote subregional economic cooperation and integration, including financial groupings of developing countries; and to provide training and develop human resources in those areas;

(ii) Group training: three workshops on global interdependence issues, issues related to globalization and subregional cooperation in Africa;

(b) Subprogramme 2. Investment, enterprise and technology: $398,500:

(i) Advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to build capacity and to provide related policy advice to foster closer contacts and cooperation among enterprises; to enhance national capacity to formulate policies that will attract and promote foreign investment; to facilitate partnership agreements; to foster the

development of enterprises and entrepreneurship, including through the strengthening of associations of entrepreneurs in developing countries; to strengthen centres for technology innovation; to support bilateral and multilateral negotiations on investment; and to promote activities in support of science and technology diplomacy and the development of human resources and local training capacity in those areas;

(ii) Group training: three workshops on bilateral and multilateral negotiations on investment; strengthening centres for technology innovation; and investment promotion activities;

(c) Subprogramme 3. International trade: $398,500:

(i) Advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to build capacity and to provide related policy advice; to promote awareness of trade policy rules; to promote reforms; to derive benefits for the international trading system, including support for capacity-building and assistance in the preparations for multilateral trade negotiations; to promote balance between the environment, trade and development; to advise on the sustainable management of natural resources and to use modern instruments for commodity risk management; to promote competition policy; to advise on commodity diversification and processing; to disseminate trade data; to assist subregional groupings on emerging trading arrangements; to support countries acceding to the World Trade Organization (WTO); and to promote the development of human resources in these areas, particularly through structured training programmes;

(ii) Group training: four workshops on issues related to multilateral trade negotiations, the relationship between trade and environment, competition policy and sustainable management of natural resources, as well as on training and human resources development in these areas;

(d) Subprogramme 4. Services infrastructure for development, trade efficiency and human resources development: $398,500:

(i) Advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to build capacity and to provide related policy advice; to apply information technology so as to make the process of trading and transport more efficient; to promote the application of electronic commerce; to promote customs reform and automation; and to strengthen the human resources and institutional capacity in developing countries and countries with economies in transition while enhancing local and regional training capacity in these and related areas, particularly through structured training programmes;

(ii) Group training: two workshops on improving transport and trade efficiency and six regional training courses for capacity-building activities in connection with key trade and development issues;

(e) Subprogramme 5. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States: $398,500:

(i) Advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to provide advice on: the development of integrated country programmes for enhancing export supply capacity in the least developed countries; the implementation of the Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance to the Least Developed Countries; transit-transport problems affecting landlocked developing countries; the particular economic problems of small island developing States; and the development of human resources and local training capacity in these areas;

(ii) Group training: three workshops in support of the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Least Developed Countries, 2001-2010, and on transit-transport issues and small island developing States (2).

3. Human settlements: $1,025,000

23.20 The activities in this sector are implemented by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and are in support of the objectives of programme 11, Human settlements, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Outputs

23.21 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs are to be delivered: subprogramme. Regional and technical cooperation: $1,025,000: advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to provide specialized advice on urban poverty reduction, municipal finance, secure tenure, improvement of urban governance and post-conflict rehabilitation; to support the identification, development and launch of innovative cooperation programmes among Habitat Agenda partners at the local, national and international levels; and to provide support for programme implementation and follow-up through specialized technical assistance, as well as monitoring, evaluation and adjustment of pilot activities.

4. Crime prevention and criminal justice: $981,600

23.22 The activities in this sector are implemented by the Centre for International Crime Prevention and are in support of the objectives of programme 12, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Outputs

23.23 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs are to be delivered:

(a) Advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to provide advice and guidance on a broad range of crime prevention and criminal justice issues, covering criminal justice, administration of justice, crime research and analysis, policy and programme development, programme implementation, institution-building and training of personnel; to provide assistance in the drafting of legislation on organized crime, trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, illicit manufacture of and trafficking in firearms, terrorism, kidnapping and cybercrime; to conduct needs-assessment studies in specific countries; to provide specialized technical input for the formulation of innovative initiatives and projects; to gather and analyse country-level data in connection with project formulation; and to provide technical inputs for the implementation of field projects;

(b) Group training: 10 workshops to enhance, in particular, national capacity and international cooperation in addressing transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, illicit manufacture of and trafficking in firearms, corruption, terrorism and new crime threats; 4 study tours and training courses providing high-level training and/or to raise awareness on the formulation of policies and strategies on specific themes related to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols, corruption, computer crime and other new crime threats.

5. International drug control: $387,300

23.24 The activities in this sector are implemented by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and are in support of the objectives of programme 13, International drug control, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. The assistance provided under this programme complements the assistance available to developing countries from the Fund of UNDCP.

Outputs

23.25 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs are to be delivered: subprogramme. Supply reduction: elimination of illicit crops and suppression of illicit drug trafficking: $387,300: advisory services: missions, at the request of Governments, to provide assistance on upgrading essential drug-related legislation, as well as evaluating and drafting legislation and providing advice and advocacy support throughout the national legislative process; training regulators, prosecutors, judges and others who apply the new laws on the system of justice; solving problems related to specific cases so as to improve international cooperation in extradition and mutual legal assistance and to break down specific recognized obstacles; providing direct on-site operational support to national prosecution and judicial services in ongoing prosecution and asset forfeiture casework; and further developing and maintaining the Programme's wide range of leading-edge legal assistance working tools enabling the transfer of maximum application know-how to the assisted States, including comprehensive model legislation and justice system casework best-practices guidelines.

6. Human rights: $2,970,500

23.26 The activities in this sector are implemented by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and are in support of the objectives of programme 19, Human rights, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Outputs

23.27 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs are to be delivered: subprogramme. Advisory services, technical cooperation, support to human rights fact-finding procedures and field activities: $2,970,500:

(a) Advisory services: missions, in response to ad hoc requests from Governments, to provide assistance in strengthening national and regional capacity and infrastructure for the promotion and protection of human rights and to assess needs and provide advice as a basis for immediate government action; and in formulating and implementing global, regional and national technical cooperation projects;

(b) Group training: 10 regional workshops on regional cooperation for the promotion and protection of human rights (in Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the States members of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe);

(c) Fellowships: (i) 8 fellowships for representatives of indigenous people for the purpose of gaining knowledge and skills in the field of international human rights; and (ii) 60 fellowships to be awarded to candidates from five regions who need to study and train in specific areas of human rights, with emphasis on training in the preparation of reports for the United Nations human rights monitoring bodies.

7. Humanitarian assistance: $962,100

23.28 The activities in this sector are implemented by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in support of the objectives of programme 20, Humanitarian assistance, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Outputs

23.29 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs are to be delivered:

(a) Subprogramme 1. Complex emergencies: $688,200:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to coordinate the design, improvement and development of plans at the agency level, in close cooperation with affected Governments, in order to strengthen the collective response capacity of the United Nations system; and to support governmental efforts by promoting the concept of contingency planning, following the assessment of the impact of disasters and emergencies and the evaluation of its effectiveness;

(ii) Group training: four regional training courses on the harmonization of disaster and emergency assessment and coordination approaches as well as established standards and recognized procedures, one in Africa, one in Latin America and two in Asia, with the participation of government representatives and United Nations agencies;

(b) Subprogramme 2. Disaster relief: $273,900:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to facilitate the identification of measures to be taken during the transitional phase from relief to development; to assess the existing contingency plans at the regional and country levels; and to help identify measures aimed at strengthening the capacity to respond better in future emergency situations;

(ii) Group training: one seminar to allow North-South and South-South exchanges to take place as a forum for the exchange of experience and lessons learned.

B. Regional and subregional advisory services

Table 23.4 **Summary of requirements by programme**[a]

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Subprogramme[b]	*2000-2001 expenditures*	*2002-2003 appropriations*	*2004-2005 requirements by implementing office*					*2004-2005 estimates*
			ECA	*ESCAP*	*ECE*	*ECLAC*	*ESCWA*	
Facilitating economic and social policy analysis	2 168.7	2 487.1	2 044.5					2 044.5
Fostering sustainable development	1 096.1	926.7	811.0					811.0
Harnessing information for development	1 356.6	1 111.4	1 646.9					1 646.9
Promoting trade and regional integration	1 818.5	1 899.1	1 905.7					1 905.7
Promoting the advancement of women	900.6	924.7	965.6					965.6
Poverty and development	1 129.8	632.4		1 332.8				1 332.8
Statistics (Asia and the Pacific)	464.4	617.5		487.1				487.1
Trade and investment	789.3	1 234.4		486.8				486.8
Transport and tourism	-	-		352.7				352.7
Environment and sustainable development	950.3	617.3		489.6				489.6
Information, communication and space technology	-	-		487.1				487.1
Social development, including emerging social issues	459.4	1 249.5		838.0				838.0
Environment	383.8	370.9			366.9			366.9
Transport	429.5	644.0			727.9			727.9
Statistics (Europe)	240.3	364.8			362.5			362.5
Sustainable energy	344.8	456.8			377.7			377.7
Trade development	1 455.6	1 082.4			362.9			362.9
Industrial restructuring and enterprise development	-	-			779.0			779.0
Linkages with the global economy, regional integration and cooperation	303.5	287.2				293.9		293.9
Macroeconomic policies and growth	3 971.9	3 458.3				3 379.1		3 379.1
Environment and human settlements	9.6	281.4				287.4		287.4
Natural resources and infrastructure	357.6	581.8				595.7		595.7
Statistics and economic projections	-	-				305.5		305.5

Subprogramme[b]	2000-2001 expenditures	2002-2003 appropriations	2004-2005 requirements by implementing office					2004-2005 estimates
			ECA	ESCAP	ECE	ECLAC	ESCWA	
Integrated management of regional resources for sustainable development	1 176.6	1 831.3					1 397.2	1 397.2
Integrated social policies	455.7	521.4					692.5	692.5
Economic analysis and forecasting for regional development	961.3	838.7					692.8	692.8
Regional integration and responding to globalization	1 062.5	841.0					677.6	677.6
Information and communication technologies for regional integration	-	-					692.7	692.7
Total	**22 286.4**	**23 260.1**	**7 373.7**	**4 474.1**	**2 976.9**	**4 861.6**	**4 152.8**	**23 839.1**

Abbreviations: ECA, Economic Commission for Africa; ESCAP, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; ECE, Economic Commission for Europe; ECLAC, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; ESCWA, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

[a] The breakdown is subject to change in response to assistance requests received and is shown for indicative purpose only.

[b] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/57/6/Rev.1).

23.30 The estimates for this component ($23,839,100) comprise 53.9 per cent of the total resources proposed under this section. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2803 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, provision is made for a system of regional and subregional advisory services for the purpose of assisting developing countries that are members of the regional commissions in solving problems that they may encounter in their national development efforts. The advisory services are made available in response to requests from Governments and involve advisory missions on an individual or joint multidisciplinary basis. The resources for regional and subregional advisory services are provided in the form of work-months estimated to meet the requirements in particular fields during the biennium. The regional advisers are engaged on a temporary basis and receive support from substantive divisions and administrative services of the regional commissions.

23.31 It is anticipated that 1,440 work-months will be required for the provision of regional advisory services in the biennium 2004-2005, the same level as during the biennium 2002-2003.

1. Economic and social development in Africa: $7,373,700

23.32 The activities in this region are implemented by ECA in support of the objectives set out in programme 14, Economic and social development in Africa, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Outputs

23.33 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs are to be delivered:

(a) Subprogramme 1. Facilitating economic and social policy analysis: $2,044,500:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, on identifying, designing and formulating macroeconomic and sectoral policies and strategies for poverty reduction; analytical and empirical techniques in poverty analysis and assessment; assessing a range of issues that are central to the successful implementation of Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers; identifying best practices that can be replicated in the content of Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and in the process of preparing them; organizing and providing technical support to the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers learning groups in member States; enhancing national capacity with respect to the various areas of statistical development, in particular national accounts, price statistics and time series databases of important economic and social variables, as well as in the organization and management of statistical systems and household surveys; and formulating, elaborating and implementing development policies and strategies related to health issues, including their socio-economic impact, with particular emphasis on HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases;

(ii) Group training: three workshops on the assessment of the content of Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and the process of preparing them; two subregional workshops on the use of analytical techniques in poverty analysis; three training workshops on statistical development, national accounts and socio-economic indicators; and two seminars on health issues and on social integration and human development;

(b) Subprogramme 2. Fostering sustainable development: $811,000:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to provide support for the strengthening of national, subregional and regional capacity in the field of water resources management and sustainable development; the formulation, elaboration and implementation of national water-related sustainable development strategies; consultative processes related to the promotion of river basin development and management and the strengthening of related institutions; and the enhancement of irrigation development through policy advocacy and dissemination of best practices;

(ii) Group training: four workshops on capacity-building for integrated water resources management and sustainable development;

(c) Subprogramme 3. Harnessing information for development: $1,646,900:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to provide support for the formulation and implementation of policies on various aspects of information for development; the development of tools and the creation of an enabling environment to produce information and knowledge products; the harmonization of national, subregional and regional information and communication technology strategies, infrastructure development choices and legal and regulatory frameworks; the development of national policies and plans for adopting information and communication technologies within government and other public agencies and information and telecommunication infrastructures; and the development of guidelines and standards on policies and strategies to increase access to information and communication facilities;

(ii) Group training: four workshops on developing national information and communication infrastructure policies and four workshops on building appropriate computer networking infrastructure and implementing connectivity projects and national information infrastructure development initiatives;

(d) Subprogramme 4. Promoting trade and regional integration: $1,907,700:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to provide assistance in the formulation of strategies and policies on trade and regional integration; to build capacity in economic policy analysis; to foster development policy and structural reform, including reforms of the monetary, financial and trade sectors aimed at strengthening regional integration; to further the development of integration agreements in the region and to promote the harmonization of and convergence between existing agreements; to provide advice on the design of national policies for fostering competitiveness and intra-African trade; to assist in the formulation, execution and management of strategies and policies of intra-African trade and international trade negotiations; and to provide technical advice on trade- and WTO-related issues of significance and importance to African countries in the context of the recently launched new round of multilateral trade negotiations, coordination and formulation of African countries' trade-negotiating strategies and capacity-building of African trade negotiators;

(ii) Group training: three seminars on trade and regional integration issues; two workshops on economic policy analysis and intra-African trade; and five workshops on multilateral trade agreements and trade negotiation strategies;

(e) Subprogramme 5. Promoting the advancement of women: $965,600:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to advise on mainstreaming gender in development policies and programmes and to provide technical support in the establishment of legal services in the urban and rural communities;

(ii) Group training: two training workshops for States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women with respect to reporting obligations; two subregional seminars to follow up on recommendations arising from the 10-year review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action; and four national training workshops on the economic empowerment of women through the development of enterprise development facilities in East and West Africa.

2. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific: $4,474,100

23.34 The activities in this region are implemented by ESCAP in support of the objectives of programme 15, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Outputs

23.35 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs are to be delivered:

(a) Subprogramme 1. Poverty and development: $1,332,800:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to assist in building government capacity to review, formulate and evaluate policies and programmes for poverty reduction, especially in least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition; developing social institutions, networks, standards and processes in support of poverty reduction; identifying and facilitating the adoption and adaptation of good practices to achieve the goals of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, 1997-2006 and

the relevant Millennium Development Goals; improving governance at the national, provincial and local levels as a strategy for fostering sustainable development and reducing poverty, particularly in the Pacific island countries; providing assistance on deregulation and liberalization issues; developing the strategic and corporate plans of national, provincial and municipal authorities; mainstreaming local and cultural governance practices, particularly in the Pacific island countries; and building capacity for urban governance, low-income housing policies, poverty eradication in rural and urban areas and macroeconomic issues faced by countries with economies in transition;

(ii) Group training: three workshops on issues relating to governance and decentralization; two workshops on macroeconomic issues faced by countries with economies in transition; and two workshops on national capacity-building in designing plans, policies and programmes for poverty reduction;

(iii) Field project on reducing extreme poverty and improving the urban environment through integrated municipal solid waste management;

(b) Subprogramme 2. Statistics: $487,100:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to assist them in building national capacity in the area of poverty statistics, including statistical sources, concepts and classifications used for poverty measurement; developing common practices and definitions in the measurement of poverty; identifying and adapting good practices in the area of poverty measurement; improving the collection, tabulation and analysis of data from household income and expenditure surveys for poverty measurement and analysis; deriving relevant poverty indicators for the formulation, monitoring, analysis and evaluation of poverty reduction policies and programmes; evaluating country needs for economic statistics from the standpoint of policy-making and other key analytical uses; reviewing country practices and methodologies in all areas of economic statistics and advising on their improvement and coherence in line with internationally accepted concepts, definitions and classifications; developing sources of basic economic statistics and using them for the compilation of comprehensive frameworks; and implementing the 1993 System of National Accounts; and advising them on all aspects of reflecting gender in economic statistics, including the development of time-use surveys, informal sector enquiries and other methodologies and techniques and on statistics on information and communication technologies and the information society, the informal sector and environmental statistics;

(ii) Group training: three workshops on capacity-building in the areas of socio-economic statistics, with a focus on the gender dimension, civil registration and vital statistics, as well as statistical indicators for monitoring progress against the Millennium Development Goals;

(c) Subprogramme 3. Trade and investment: $486,800:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to ad hoc requests from Governments, to assist in building national capacity in trade- and investment-related areas pertaining, in particular, to WTO, including accession and multilateral negotiations; implementing regional, subregional and interregional cooperation programmes and trade preference issues; identifying export potential and promoting export markets for particular products, including services; developing export strategies; formulating and implementing export and import policy regimes; facilitating trade and improving trade efficiency; developing electronic commerce, trade information services and small and medium-sized enterprises; and promoting and facilitating investment;

(ii) Group training: six workshops on issues relating to WTO agreements and the Doha Development Agenda, entrepreneurship development for women and improving the exchange of trade and investment information through the use of electronic services;

(d) Subprogramme 4. Transport and tourism: $352,700:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to assist in building national capacity to formulate and formalize a unimodal and intermodal transport infrastructure; obtaining consensus on standards of transport infrastructure and maintenance; identifying and analysing non-physical barriers to cross-border and transit transport; developing transport facilitation agreements; building transport logistical capabilities; developing public-private partnerships; and designing and implementing sustainable tourism development policies and programmes;

(ii) Group training: four workshops on standards of transport infrastructure and maintenance, transport facilitation agreements, transit needs for landlocked countries and sustainable development policies;

(iii) Field project on efficient management of resources for ecotourism in the Pacific;

(e) Subprogramme 5. Environment and sustainable development: $489,600:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to assist in building national capacity to improve environmental management, enhance environmental quality and promote sustainable development; developing plans and programmes to deal with pressing environmental problems, including those pertaining to the management of urban and industrial waste and other types of pollution; integrating the requirements under multilateral agreements into national planning processes; developing and implementing policies and programmes on sustainable energy, water and land management; identifying and resolving technological constraints; assessing capacity-building needs; undertaking strategic planning and management of natural resources, including energy and water; developing renewable energy policies; enhancing policies and programmes relating to water efficiency, urban waste-water management, water partnerships, land and water contamination and prevention and preparedness in water-related disasters; and supporting the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

(ii) Group training: seven workshops on issues related to the Plan of Implementation adopted by the Summit, water conservation and water efficiency, public-private partnerships in the water sector, land and water contamination in the greater Mekong subregion, transboundary energy development cooperation among the countries of North-East Asia; renewable energy and negotiation and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements;

(f) Subprogramme 6. Information, communication and space technology: $487,100:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to assist in building national capacity, particularly of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to formulate and adopt policies and institutional and regulatory frameworks related to information and communication technologies and in supporting the integration of such technologies into the overall strategy of national social and economic development; promoting the application of information and communication technologies to strengthen the economic and social position of the poor and to enhance their participation in the development process, including in decision-making; implementing multilateral agreements such as

the WTO service agreement and the intellectual property rights treaties administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization that pertain directly to information and communication technologies; and designing policies and operational measures relating to access to and integration of space-based information and communication technologies;

(ii) Group training: three workshops on building capacity to use information and communication technologies in furtherance of the Millennium Development Goals as they relate to poverty reduction and managing globalization and two workshops on building capacity to formulate policy and develop institutional and regulatory frameworks in the area of information and communication technologies;

(g) Subprogramme 7. Social development, including emerging social issues: $838,000:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to assist in building national capacity to formulate, implement and evaluate social development plans and programmes in the Pacific island countries; mainstreaming cross-cutting issues related to gender, disability, youth and other emerging social issues into plans and programmes of a range of development sectors; promoting the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in Pacific island countries; social development planning and project formulation; and collecting, analysing and utilizing population and social data, including health data, in the formulation of social development policies in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals;

(ii) Group training: four workshops on issues related to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; action towards an inclusive, barrier-free and rights-based society for persons with disabilities; and social aspects related to ageing (2);

(iii) Field project on addressing emerging social issues through a rights-based approach.

3. Economic development in Europe: $2,976,900

23.36 The activities in this region are implemented by ECE in support of the objectives of programme 16, Economic development in Europe, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Outputs

23.37 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs are to be delivered:

(a) Subprogramme 1. Environment: $366,900: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, in particular those of countries with economies in transition, within the framework of subregional cooperative agreements, to follow up the results of the project on the rational use of water and energy in Central Asia; to provide support for improving environmental management and reducing the pollution burden on the countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia; to assist in the implementation of the project on transboundary groundwater resources around the Mediterranean; and to assist in implementing the ECE environmental conventions and recommendations;

(b) Subprogramme 2. Transport: $727,900: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to assist countries with economies in transition in the development of pan-European transport networks, corridors and areas, particularly in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, and of Euro-Asian transport links; to provide strategic guidance as well as technical and administrative backstopping to the Trans-European North-South

Motorway project and the Trans-European Railway project; and to support transport initiatives and projects carried out by subregional groupings;

(c) Subprogramme 3. Statistics: $362,500:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to provide support to countries with economies in transition in the implementation of international statistical standards in the areas of national accounts, prices statistics, social and demographic statistics and fundamental principles of official statistics and statistical legislation; to provide assistance in collecting data related to economic, social and environmental indicators in connection with the Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development;

(ii) Group training: a workshop on best practices with respect to the use of statistical data for economic and social monitoring;

(d) Subprogramme 4. Sustainable energy: $377,700: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to provide support to countries with economies in transition in the elaboration of sustainable energy policies and programmes; to assist national experts in the preparation of plans, programmes and projects to facilitate implementation of the energy strategy, to develop capacity and to build institutions; to provide support in the implementation of energy and water strategies and energy efficiency zones and in the development of a regional network among water and energy institutes in the Central Asian countries; and to assist in the development of financial mechanisms for attracting foreign investment for funding energy-efficiency projects;

(e) Subprogramme 5. Trade development: $362,900:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to provide assistance to countries with economies in transition on the practical implementation of trade facilitation measures, including best practices in the use of international trade and transport documents and procedures; on customs operations and policies, in particular as they relate to visa and transit regimes; and on adjusting bilateral trade agreements and their possible extension to neighbouring countries;

(ii) Group training: a workshop on building the capacity of governmental bodies, the business community and the transport industry to implement trade agreements and trade facilitation measures;

(f) Subprogramme 6. Industrial restructuring and enterprise development: $779,000:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to provide assistance to countries with economies in transition in enhancing property markets and building links of property owners with banks and insurance companies; improving the environment for small and medium-sized enterprises; supporting the establishment of a legal and institutional framework enabling the development of public-private partnership projects; and designing policies and measures facilitating entrepreneurship for women and young persons;

(ii) Group training: five workshops, on developing policies on small and medium-sized enterprises, in particular in terms of access to financing, use of information and communication technologies and market information; corporate governance for small and medium-sized enterprises; development of quality management systems; transforming property rights into valuable assets; and good governance in procurement and concessions.

4. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean: $4,861,600

23.38 The activities in this region are implemented by ECLAC in support of the objectives of programme 17, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Outputs

23.39 During the biennium 2004-2005, the following outputs are to be delivered:

(a) Subprogramme 1. Linkages with the global economy, regional integration and cooperation: $293,900: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to assist member countries in the formulation of domestic and external economic policies, focusing on their linkages with the global economy and the means to increase their capacity to take part in the integration process at the subregional, regional and hemispheric levels; to provide support for hemispheric integration and coordination of ECLAC activities with respect to negotiations for the establishment of a Free Trade Area of the Americas; to advise on national trade policies and on improving the negotiating capacity of Governments in the field of international trade and to examine the features of Central American integration in the context of hemispheric integration; to provide assistance on issues relating to trade, investment, integration, subregional cooperation and the impact of world economic trends on policies adopted nationally and subregionally; and to advise on management strategies and policies in the area of foreign trade and international trade negotiation, regulation and financial supervision mechanisms;

(b) Subprogramme 2. Macroeconomic policies and growth: $3,379,100:

(i) Advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to render technical advice and assistance with respect to:

a. Macroeconomic policies concerning international capital flows, counter-cyclical fiscal policies and social protection, and financial development policies so as to generate access to longer term funding and productive development;

b. Overall economic development issues for the Central American countries; the interrelationships between development strategies and specific macroeconomic policies; structural adjustment programmes; linkages of national economies with the world economy; long-term growth; competitiveness; and export promotion policies;

c. Appropriate social and economic policies to boost growth, increase employment, improve income distribution and alleviate poverty, and related institutional development at the central and decentralized levels;

d. Monitoring developments in national economies and assessing the evolution of trends; and the formulation of domestic and external economic policies focusing on linkages with the global economy and on the means to increase the capacity of those countries to integrate at the hemispheric and global levels;

e. The development and improvement of labour markets and their relationship to social as well as vocational training schemes, and labour economics, with a special emphasis on formal and informal labour markets, income distribution and poverty levels;

f. The diagnosis, formulation and implementation of policies and strategies to improve access to and the utilization of the worldwide information and communication infrastructure and on management of the Internet and utilization of electronic media for the dissemination of development information over the network;

(ii) Group training: three workshops on the estimation and use of social indicators relating to income distribution, poverty and employment characteristics of different social groups; international trade linkages, economic integration and regional cooperation; and the needs of the small island developing States of the subregion from the point of view of the negotiating process for hemispheric integration;

(c) Subprogramme 3. Environment and human settlements: $287,400: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to render technical advice and assistance with respect to: (i) developing integrated conceptual frameworks to address the linkages between social, economic and environmental factors and policies, the use of environmental indicators and the incorporation of scientific knowledge into sustainable development policies; (ii) preparing mechanisms for monitoring compliance with international environmental agreements and for evaluating their impact on public management practices and procedures in the regional, national and local spheres; (iii) fiscal policies and market-based instruments for improving environmental management, environmental protection and the formulation of strategies for financing sustainable development; and (iv) strengthening capacity in the design and implementation of public policies, in harmony with sustainable development criteria;

(d) Subprogramme 4. Natural resources and infrastructure: $595,700: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to render technical advice and assistance with respect to: (i) the formulation and evaluation of development policies, plans and regulation schemes in the mining and energy sectors; the review and formulation of water legislation and regulations; and approaches and methods for water administration in both national and international river basins; (ii) the formulation of policies that promote environmentally sustainable development, including the use of natural resources; (iii) the implementation of international and regional instruments relating to the sustainable management of natural resources, the management of multiple uses of water and the regulation of water-related public utility companies; (iv) the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the formulation of national development strategies to improve the environmentally sustainable use of natural resources and energy; and (v) market policy, legislation and regulation of markets in the mining, energy and water sectors and strengthening of the existing institutional mechanisms to protect the environment and to promote the sustainable use of natural resources and energy;

(e) Subprogramme 5. Statistics and economic projections: $305,500: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to render technical advice and assistance with respect to: (i) the development and improvement of social and demographic statistics; the design of social indicators and household surveys for the formulation and monitoring of economic and social policies; and the promotion of sharing of experiences in statistical methodologies and the building up and use of data banks; (ii) the quantification and analysis of poverty situations; (iii) traditional means and new technologies for the dissemination of statistical data and the design of forecasting models and methodologies for use in the formulation of policies and development strategies; and (iv) promoting and disseminating the

available methodological and technological advancements with a view to consolidating the national statistical systems.

5. Economic and social development in Western Asia: $4,152,800

23.40 The activities in this region are implemented by ESCWA in support of the objectives of programme 18, Economic and social development in Western Asia, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Outputs

23.41 The categories of outputs to be delivered in the biennium 2004-2005 are as follows:

(a) Subprogramme 1. Integrated management of regional resources for sustainable development: $1,397,200: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to render technical advice and assistance with respect to the management of water and energy resources and the rationalization of their utilization, as well as the management of shared water resources and energy networks, with an emphasis on integrating the social dimension in the sustainable development process to facilitate the creation of new jobs and the generation of income; to support government efforts to integrate environmental considerations into their development policies; and to support competitiveness, the harmonization of the production sectors, coordinated sectoral policy tools in agriculture and industry, enterprise development, innovative schemes in management and improved linkages between technology and sectoral development;

(b) Subprogramme 2. Integrated social policies: $692,500: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to render technical advice and assistance with respect to: (i) promoting focused and gender-sensitive policies that enhance social integration, inclusion and equity, further the establishment of networks between all partners and actors in the social development process and support sustainable human development and integrated policy action, with particular regard to poverty and employment reduction and an emphasis on youth and women; (ii) urban planning, with a special emphasis on partnerships between Governments and municipalities to promote urban development, and housing and population strategies; and (iii) post-conflict reconstruction, with a special emphasis on the economic, social and physical dimensions of development;

(c) Subprogramme 3. Economic analysis and forecasting for regional development: $692,800: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to render technical advice and assistance with respect to: (i) macroeconomic performance and trends, with an emphasis on their impact on employment and other social issues; (ii) analysing the performance of production sectors and economic forecasting to promote the comparative strengths of those sectors at the domestic and regional levels and to enhance their competitiveness and increasing the capacity of member States for economic analysis in decision-making; and (iii) national accounts, through the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts and the international comparison programme, and the harmonization and standardization of economic statistics in member countries;

(d) Subprogramme 4. Regional integration and responding to globalization: $677,600: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to render technical advice and assistance with respect to: (i) the integration of regional markets, with an emphasis on facilitating transboundary flows of goods, services and persons through the promotion of the integrated transport system in the Arab Mashreq, the facilitation of border-crossing and the

reduction of customs and operational formalities and the development of interregional linkages; (ii) capacity-building with the goal of more effective preparation for future rounds of multilateral negotiations, the provision of advice on various issues related to the Arab Free Trade Zone and WTO and partnership agreements; and (iii) improving free competition in domestic markets for imported products or services, analysing the impact of competition on domestically produced goods and enhancing existing domestic and foreign investment laws, regulations and incentives to increase the attractiveness of member countries to investors;

(e) Subprogramme 5. Information and communication technologies for regional integration: $692,700: advisory services: missions, in response to requests from Governments, to render technical advice and assistance with respect to: (i) developing information and communication technology policies, infrastructure and applications through the establishment of partnerships between Governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector and the establishment of information and communication technology networks; and (ii) developing and promoting national e-strategies and policies and human and institutional capacity-building.